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# United Communist Party

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**(One Copy to every group — Read at  
next meeting — Then destroy)  
(Not for Publication)**

**DISTRICT 1 [Boston]:** CP Lettish [Latvian] Federation held conference in this district. War is on in this federation and a contingency will undoubtedly split away from the CP.

Finnish and Polish situations very promising.

Now 22 Russian groups in this district, 3 more having left CP to join the UCP.

Preparing for fall and winter entertainments.

**DISTRICT 2 [New York]:** Russian district propaganda committee voted to censure its delegates to the Russian national conference for voting in favor of a national propaganda committee.

School for Russian-speaking groups organized. Russian organizer in field.

Good financial returns from all sources.

District disposes of 3,000 labor organs [*The Toiler*] each issue. (How about your district, your group?)

**DISTRICT 3 [Philadelphia]:** Russian organizer in the field one week.

District put into creditable working order by new District Organizer [=???].

Financial returns increasingly good.

New idea being tried by departmentalizing district and sub-district committees, having each committee composed of 5 members and each member a

specialist in (a) organization; (b) education; (c) shop propaganda; (d) defense; (e) statistics.

**DISTRICT 4 - 5 [Cleveland]:** Now combined. Former District 4 [Pittsburgh] visited and better organization effected.

Independent Socialist Party organizing in District 5 [Cleveland], with municipal tickets in Akron and Toledo. They are parliamentarians, shun underground work, detest centralization in organization, want to align with the Third International but make the same reservations the SP makes.

District orders 150,000 leaflets of each issue for distribution.

**DISTRICT 6 [Detroit]:** Trip into Indiana just completed.

Groups in district in good working order.

Financial returns per quota of membership average above several larger districts.

**DISTRICT 7 [Chicago]:** Russian propaganda committee sent out 10 speakers over weekend.

Hungarian organizer will fill nearby dates.

Another organizer engaged for 5 day trip down-state and still another employed in southern part of district [Southern Illinois].

Have now 160 groups.

Full plan for educational work outlined.

CP Russian branches in district very dissatisfied and secessions to the UCP are imminent.

Special literature for negro workers considered a need.

Three CP Polish branches joined UCP.

**DISTRICT 8 [St. Louis]:** Special letter issued, through National Office, to striking streetcar workers.

Need of making tour of entire district to organize new groups and establish connections.

**DISTRICT 10 [San Francisco]:** Russians organizing into UCP. Expect 4 additional groups in the immediate future.

English groups activities reviving.

Russian members taking charge of Jewish [Yiddish] organization and propaganda work.

Three Estonian and 3 German groups doing well.

Bright outlook for Spanish, Hungarian, and Jewish [Yiddish] groups.

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- District Organizer should accompany their weekly financial reports with reports of district activities. To now District 1 [Boston] has forwarded the best reports of district activities.

- Now is the time to plan fall and winter entertainments. Plan for the entire season's series, set dates, secure halls.

- *The Class Struggle* magazine will not be issued in the near future as planned. Instead the official organ will appear in 12 page size as occasion demands.

- A leaflet on the Wall Street Explosion is being printed.

- A call is hereby sent all comrades who have ability to write to assist the party in drafting a set of standard leaflets for continual distribution. The subjects are: The Class Struggle; Mass Action; The Dictatorship of the Proletariat; The Soviets; Parliamentarism; Bourgeois Democracy; The AF of L and Revolu-

tionary Unionism. All suggestions of value are wanted.

- "Lenin," a speech by Zinoviev giving Lenin's biography, has been issued in pamphlet form in the Russian language. It will retail at 20¢ the copy. Shipments will soon be made.

- It is contemplated to ask for advance subscriptions for the production of *The ABC of Communism* by Bukharin in the Russian language. This is a book of 400 pages.

- Leaflets will be increasingly necessary to cover local strike situations. Organization units in strike localities should send copy for strike leaflets to the National Office through regular party channels, or send facts about the strike. The editorial board will edit leaflet or write one from facts submitted. This method will have to be followed until such time as the districts develop sufficient talent to be entrusted with the responsibility of issuing leaflets themselves. Leaflets for the Yonkers and Denver strikes were recently issued by the National Office. In New York a special election leaflet was issued, exposing the Socialist Party.

- The representative of the Third International [Samuel Agursky?] failed to bring about a conference between the UCP and CP executives on account of refusal of CP. A special report relative to this matter and a report of the progress of the UCP has been sent the Third International upon request of this representative.

- The general reports from districts show an increase in activity, organization strength, finances. Yet the deficit for August [1920] was \$6,249.14. And so we repeat —

REMEMBER THE  
\$50,000 ORGANIZATION FUND.

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